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**THE STATE AND OWNERS OF THE LAKES RESORT, A MEMBERSHIP
CAMPGROUND IN CROSSVILLE, REACH AGREEMENT**

Attorney General Paul G. Summers today announced a court-approved agreement, which paves the way for a campground membership program to reopen under new ownership and management. The agreement specifically protects the rights and privileges of people who bought campground memberships in The Lakes years ago.

Tennessee's agreement with McDill Columbus, formerly doing business as The Lakes Resort, John Fernandez as President of McDill Columbus and The Lakes Corporation, is designed to protect the rights of those who bought memberships before the firm went bankrupt in 1996 and closed the campground. Tennessee filed a claim in the bankruptcy court proceeding as well as the Davidson County Circuit Court. Both courts have approved the agreement.

The State alleges that the current owners of the campground, now in bankruptcy, systematically breached membership agreements between them and individuals holding membership privileges at the resort. The State also alleges they misrepresented the rights, remedies or obligations of membership agreements and failed to provide goods or services which they had promoted to consumers.

"We appreciate the cooperation of McDill Columbus in this matter," Attorney General Summers said.

The settlement mandates the Crossville campground be operated, under any new ownership, in compliance with the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act and that any new owner must provide full service RV sites, primitive sites, a country store, laundry/shower facilities, clubhouse, outdoor activities of fishing, swimming, boating, shuffleboard, tennis and softball.

Purchasers of membership agreements from The Lakes and/or from One Thousand Adventures at The Lakes Resort and who chose The Lakes Resort as the member's home resort, will be able to use their memberships at the resort, upon reviving their membership and paying future reasonable maintenance/operations fees.

Notice will be mailed to those persons as listed on available membership mailing lists.

Eligible membership purchasers may want to contact the Attorney General's office at (877) 275-7396 (toll free if calling in state) or (615) 741-1671 (if calling from out of state) to supply any change in address information. Other public notices in related camping publications and area newspapers will be provided, pursuant to the agreed order.